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Nuclear Security Initiatives
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether the nuclear security initiatives in the country are compliant with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) guidelines/protocol;

(b)if so, the details thereof; and

(c)if not, the steps taken to make it compliant with IAEA guidelines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (Dr. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India is a party to the International Atomic Energy Agency''s (IAEA) Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) and its 2005 Amendment. India's national implementation of physical protection measures for nuclear materials and facilities takes into account the guidance contained in IAEA''s Nuclear Security Series documents, in particular IAEA's Information Circular 225 as revised. India also follows the guidance contained in the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources. Further, to ensure adherence to the regulatory requirements, India's Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has developed a number of guideline documents for the regulation of (i) nuclear materials and nuclear facilities and (ii) radiation sources and radiation facilities. These documents draw extensively from IAEA's Nuclear Security Series documents covering various aspects of nuclear security. In addition, India also extensively participates and contributes in the development and review of these IAEA documents.

(c) Does not arise.

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